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**MEDIA ALERT**

**Consumer Protection alerts Citizens to 2008 National Do Not Call Registry Deadline**  
***"Phone numbers in National Database set to expire in 2008, consumers urged to renew"***  
(For immediate release)

**SALT LAKE CITY, Utah** – The Division of Consumer Protection is asking Utah consumers to go online to [www.donotcall.gov](http://www.donotcall.gov) or call 1-888-382-1222 to check the status of their phone number registration with the National Do Not Call Registry. The Federal Trade Commission is warning consumers that most of the phone numbers in their registry database are set to expire by the fall of 2008 unless citizens update their records. The National Do Not Call Registry was launched in June 2003 and is approaching the five-year expiration deadline for current registrations.

"By taking a few minutes to renew your phone number's status with the National Do Not Call Registry, consumers can avoid unwanted telemarketer calls and headaches in 2008," said Francine A. Giani, Executive Director of the Utah Department of Commerce.

To check the expiration date of a telephone number registry, log on to [www.donotcall.gov](http://www.donotcall.gov) and choose "Verify a Registration". Users will be instructed to enter their phone number and email address connected to the registry. An email will then be sent with information regarding the citizen's telephone number's registration expiration date. Consumers may also obtain the same information by calling 1-888-382-1222. To renew a phone number registration with the National Do Not Call Registry, choose "Register a Phone Number" from the website menu and enter phone information as if it were a new entry. Consumers will receive a confirmation email that will instruct them to click on a link to verify their registration which will be extended for another five years.

For more information, log on to the Utah Division of Consumer Protection at [www.dcp.utah.gov](http://www.dcp.utah.gov).

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